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Honorable Peggy A. Lautenschlager
Wisconsin Attorney General
17 West Main Street
Madison, WI 53707-7857

RE: Wisconsin Focus On Energy Program Grant to
Milwaukee Police Athletic League

Dear Attorney General Lautenschlager:

The Wisconsin Focus on Energy Program funded a grant to the Milwaukee Police Athletic League Youth and Family Center through its contractor, the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE). MSOE engaged Central City Construction to perform certain technical and professional services at the Milwaukee Police Athletic League Building. The contract provided for reimbursement for actual expenditures for specified energy upgrades to be incorporated into the building which were funded by the grant. The grant in the amount of \$773,396.00 has been fully disbursed.

Preliminary examination of the completed facility revealed that a large portion of the work funded by the grant was not completed. Structural improvements, glazing, day lighting and windows that were to be incorporated into the structure were not completed or were missing altogether. Estimates of the amount of work which was not included in the structure but funded by the grant total approximately \$270,000.00.

I have attached a copy of a letter to MSOE requesting MSOE to demand reimbursement for any payments which were made to the contractor for elements of the structure which were not completed as required by the grant. I further ask you for your assistance in determining whether any violations of law have occurred and if so, to take any appropriate action against the contractor, Central City Construction, or any of its subcontractors.

Please let me know if my staff can be of any further assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

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January 22, 2004

Hugo Heyns, Director
Major Markets Focus on Energy
Milwaukee School of Engineering
1025 North Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3109

RE: Milwaukee Police Athletic League Youth and Family Center

Dear Mr. Heyns:

Pursuant to a contract entered into by the Milwaukee School of Engineering and Central City Construction, the Milwaukee School of Engineering engaged Central City Construction to perform certain technical and professional services at the Milwaukee Police Athletic League funded by the Wisconsin Focus on Energy Program. The contract provided reimbursement for actual expenditures for specified energy efficiency upgrades to be incorporated into the building and funded by the grant.

The grant was for \$773,396.00 and it is our understanding that the grant has been fully disbursed. It is also our understanding that a preliminary examination of the completed facility reveals that a large portion of the work subject to the grant was not completed, including structural improvements, glazing, day lighting and windows that were to be incorporated into the structure were not included. We also assume that professional fees associated with these features were also charged to the project grant. Preliminary estimates are that this amount may be approximately \$270,000.

Pursuant to Article 13 of your agreement, you have the right to demand reimbursement for any payments that have been misused or misappropriated by the subcontractors. We request that you take immediate steps to determine which elements of the project were paid for but not completed, and if any such items are identified, that the Milwaukee School of Engineering seek immediate reimbursement for these expenses and aggressively pursue recovery of these expenses in the event reimbursement is not made.

Sincerely,

Marc J. Marotta
Secretary